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1. Camps Plankon and Huetten on the Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 53) training area were occupied only by guard details on 21 February 1951.

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2. Camp Born allegedly quartered 8,000 troops. Judging from the vehicular traffic to and from the camp, this an exaggeration. saw a column of 12 model 1938 field howitzers of 152 mm caliber, towed by full-track prime movers, travelling toward the camp. The column was followed at a distance of several hundred meters by five trucks, each carrying 25 soldiers. Six JS-3 tanks were subsequently seen driving toward the camp. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the camp

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3. the quarters in Camp Dolle had been disassembled and hauled away. *

* Comment. Camp Born 5,000 to 6,000 men were allegedly there in mid-December 1950; a no troops were there in early February 1951; and the present report was that 8,000 troops were there in mid-February 1951. With troops in Camp Born and motor vehicles which primarily belonged to the 19th Gds Mecz Div, it seems that the camp actually is occupied. However, the artillery pieces described in the present report cannot belong to this division, but to the unidentified Gun Arty Brig, possibly the 44th of the Third Shock Army.

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